

Soldier Hollow Access Road Opening Celebrated

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The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) hosted an opening of access roads to Wasatch Mountain State Park's Soldier Hollow Olympic Venue, where in 2002 more than 320,000 fans will flock to the 4,000 acre park venue to salute medalists in the biathlon and cross-country competitions. November 20, the ceremony began at 11:00 a.m. on Shuttle Loop Road to celebrate the completion of this construction phase.

Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt, Salt Lake Organizing Committee Vice President of Venues and Transportation Grant Thomas, UDOT Deputy Director John Njord and other state and local dignitaries attended the opening.

UDOT and Valley Asphalt rebuilt and improved the existing roads, which were formerly dirt and gravel. The roads were widened and brought up to highway standards, according to UDOT. Parking lots and a shuttle loop were also added to aid in safe transportation for the general public and athletes into Soldier Hollow. The newly constructed access roads connect the venue with Stringtown Road and Charleston's Tate Lane.

August 4, the Wasatch County Commission received formal notice the sewer

feet permanent Day Lodge is being constructed in addition to the Competition Management Building, ski trails, biathlon shooting range and snowmaking systems.

SLOC plans to divide traffic into as many separate routs as possible. The "Olympic family"—SLOC/IOC employees, athletes and families—media and sponsors will travel to the venue via River Road, U.S. Highway 113, Tate Lane, Cascade Springs and Stringtown Road. Spectators will travel on Heber's U.S. Highway 40 to Highway 189. After arriving at the park and ride lot, which is currently under construction at the south fields/2400 South sewer fields, a bus



Grant Thomas, V.P. Venues Transportation SLOC, Governor Mike Leavitt, and John Njord, Deputy Director UDOT.

will transport spectators towards Soldier Hollow on U.S. Highway 189, Highway 113 and 2400 South Eastbound.

The Wasatch County Sheriff's office is concerned that 2400 South is refurbished before the Olympics. Last August, officers and county officials submitted a letter to SLOC requesting that roads they prioritized be repaired.

The final phase of the \$3 million project, which began in



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submarine fleet "A fleet already drastically cut from 96 a decade ago to 56 today, even as the Red Chinese are building their fleet and taking control of the Panama Canal. Before long, might Communist strategists be persuaded that the military balance has swung irreversibly in their favor?

Shouldn't the recent terrorist attack against the USS Cole, which killed 17 sailors, cause us to question the U.S. policy of deploying U.S. military forces around the world without a stated military objective? As with the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Marine compound in Beirut, this incident raises critical questions: Why are U.S. military forces thinly stretched around the globe in a never ending series of "peacekeeping" operations? Why are Americans put in harm's way without a declaration of war or a military plan? Shouldn't America's policy be to never involve U.S. troops in foreign military operations without a congressional declaration of war, except to protect U.S. citizens from harm? Why disarm?

Bliss W. Tew
Orem

Against Asphalt Plant

I've been told I'm old (73) and just write too many letters. Well I don't have a dish; computer, grandkids or too many other things to keep me busy so why not let me write you don't have to read it. I'm selfish and like most of us, young and old like saving money. I'm also kind of jealous of my community. I like it now and would like to keep it the way it is, pretty much. That's why I recently moved here to spend my last good years in a place I chose and loved.

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Back to that money angle, I need a new asphalt driveway. I live in Daniel Township and I'd save a bundle if that plant were built down the road. Maybe some of you need a new driveway too. Be honest, "Goodie for me! Who cares about you!" That might be the motive of some of the more prominent builders and developers too! Who cares about us little guys?

I'm against that plant, even though building it and buying its product would save me money. The saving wouldn't make me justify a positive backing for building that plant or any other one, here or anywhere in our quiet valley. Keep the odors and pollution where they are, like Point of the Mountain. Pay a bit more sleep a little better. Tell your kids they won't have to pay the price for your mistake in not opposing any asphalt plant. Wear a good guy white hat that won't get dirty from asphalt.

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